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# Intelligence problems discussed

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Containment of the Soviet Union will be the number one intelligence problem of the '80s, said Paul Chretien, Senior Presentations Officer for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Chretien spoke to political science students Friday in Dale Hall.

Chretien, a CIA officer since the Eisenhower administration, said the U.S. seemed to have experienced "a loss of nerve" in its dealings with the Soviet Union, but the agency is now trying to contain not only the Soviets, but the Cubans and the East Germans as well.

Chretien said one of the greatest CIA achievements has been the agency's ability to collect information about Soviet nuclear capability. He said that as a result of U.S. intelligence, "we know how many nuclear weapons there are and where they are."

The senior officer said "there is no field with as much misinformation and mythology" as U.S. intelligence. He said that, contrary to popular belief, CIA agents don't carry guns and must fill out hundreds of reports on daily activities.

He also said "agents don't have lovely women throwing themselves at their feet."

"We have to work at that just like everyone else," he said.

Chretien said the CIA is just part of the "intelligence community" which consists of the CIA, the State Department, and the Department of Defense. He said the agency's two basic functions are gathering intelligence and analyzing data. Analyzation is the largest part of their responsibilities, he added.

He said another duty of the CIA is the writing of daily intelligence reports for the president. He said the reports are often influenced by the character and preferences of the person who holds the office.

Chretien said Eisenhower found the reports boring and requested charts, graphs and arrows be included.

He said Kennedy preferred good, expressive writing. Johnson, who preferred to read reports at night in bed, had the reports changed so they would still be current. He said Nixon, who is a lawyer, preferred the reports be in the form of legal briefs.

One of the most important area of CIA involvement in the future will be analysis of the effects of social and religious influences on the nations of the world, Chretien said.

He said the agency had failed to estimate the importance of a resurgent, fundamentalist Islam in Iran before the U.S. embassy was seized.

Chretien said the CIA hired 1,543 people out of 92,400 applicants last year, about one out of 100. He said those accepted had expertise in a wide range of fields, from engineering to science.

He said in the future space satellites and other covert actions will play a more important role in U.S. intelligence.